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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated 16 July
2003.

The Examiner requires Applicants to elect one of the following
inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 for examination:

- I. Claims 1-27 drawn to a garment, classified in class 604,
subclass 396; and

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- II. Claims 28-37 drawn to a method for providing a seam for a garment, classified in class 156, subclass 209.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-27 drawn to a garment, for prosecution on the merits.

Further, the Examiner requires Applicants under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is fully held to be allowable. The Examiner alleges that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: the species of Fig. 4B; the species of Fig. 5; the species of Fig. 6B; the species of Fig. 8; the species of Fig. 9; and the species of Fig. 10. Applicants elect the single disclosed species of Fig. 4B for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-9 and 12-18 are readable thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



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